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Instruction cache performance is important to instruction fetch efficiency and overall processor performance. The layout of an executable has a substantial effect on the cache miss rate and the instruction working set size during execution. This means that the performance of an executable can be improved by applying a code-placement algorithm that minimizes instruction cache conflicts and improves spatial locality. We describe an algorithm for procedure placement, one type of code placement ...

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Co-array Fortran (CAF) and Unified Parallel C (UPC) are two emerging languages for single-program, multiple-data global address space programming. These languages boost programmer productivity by providing shared variables for inter-process communication instead of message passing. However, the performance of these emerging languages still has room for improvement. In this paper, we study the performance of variants of the NAS MG, CG, SP, and BT benchmarks on several modern architectures to iden ...

Keywords: CAF, UPC, co-array fortran, compilers, global address space languages, parallel languages, performance, scalability, unified parallel C

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Performance prediction across platforms is increasingly important as developers can choose from a wide range of execution platforms. The main challenge remains to perform accurate predictions at a low-cost across different architectures. In this paper, we derive an affordable method approaching cross-platform performance translation based on

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27 Scaling irregular parallel codes with minimal programming effort



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The long foreseen goal of parallel programming models is to scale parallel code without significant programming effort. Irregular parallel applications are a particularly challenging application domain for parallel programming models, since they require domain specific data distribution and load balancing algorithms. From a performance perspective, shared-memory models still fall short of scaling as well as message-passing models in irregular applications, although they require less coding effort ...

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Modern CPUs have instructions that allow basic operations to be performed on several data elements in parallel. These instructions are called SIMD instructions, since they apply a single instruction to multiple data elements. SIMD technology was initially built into commodity processors in order to accelerate the performance of multimedia applications. SIMD instructions provide new opportunities for database engine design and implementation. We study various kinds of operations in a database con ...

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This work details a performance study of six different types of commodity memories in two commodity server nodes. A number of micro-benchmarks are used that measure low-level performance characteristics, as well as two applications representative of the ASC workload. The memories vary both in terms of performance, including latency and bandwidths, and in terms of their physical properties and manufacturer. The two server nodes analyzed were an Itanium-II Madison based system, and a Xeon based sy ...

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30 Resource partitioning in general purpose operating systems: experimental results in Windows NT



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The principal role of the operating system is that of resource management. Its task is to

present a set of appropriate services to the applications and users it supports. Traditionally, general-purpose operating systems, including Windows NT, federate resource sharing in a fair manner, with the predominant goal of efficient resource utilisation. As a result the chosen scheduling algorithms are not suited to applications that have stringent Quality-of-Service (QoS) and resource management require ...

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In this work we investigate the impact of evolving memory system features, such as large on-chip caches, automatic prefetch, and the growing distance to main memory on 3D stencil computations. These calculations form the basis for a wide range of scientific applications from simple Jacobi iterations to complex multigrid and block structured adaptive PDE solvers. First we develop a simple benchmark to evaluate the effectiveness of prefetching in cache-based memory systems. Next we present a small ...

Keywords: cache blocking, performance modeling, prefetch, stencil

32 Profile-based dynamic voltage and frequency scaling for a multiple clock domain microprocessor



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A Multiple Clock Domain (MCD) processor addresses the challenges of clock distribution and power dissipation by dividing a chip into several (coarse-grained) clock domains, allowing frequency and voltage to be reduced in domains that are not currently on the application's critical path. Given a reconfiguration mechanism capable of choosing appropriate times and values for voltage/frequency scaling, an MCD processor has the potential to achieve significant energy savings with low performance degr ...

33 A hardware-driven profiling scheme for identifying program hot spots to support runtime optimization



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This paper presents a novel hardware-based approach for identifying, profiling, and monitoring hot spots in order to support runtime optimization of general purpose programs. The proposed approach consists of a set of tightly coupled hardware tables and control logic modules that are placed in the retirement stage of a processor pipeline removed from the critical path. The features of the proposed design include rapid detection of program hot spots after changes in execution behavior, runtime-tu ...

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Embedded systems combine a processor with dedicated logic to meet design specifications at a reasonable cost. The attempt to amalgamate two distinct design environments introduces many problems, one being how to partition a single design for the two platforms to achieve the best performance with the least effort. Since the latest FPGA technology allows the integration of soft or hard CPU cores with dedicated logic on a single chip, this presents new opportunities for addressing hardware/software ...

Keywords: FPGA, embedded processor, hardware/software codesign, performance measurement, profiling, soft processor

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The gap between processor and main memory performance increases every year. In order to overcome this problem, cache memories are widely used. However, they are only effective when programs exhibit sufficient data locality. Compile-time program transformations can significantly improve the performance of the cache. To apply most of these transformations, the compiler requires a precise knowledge of the locality of the different sections of the code, both before and after being transformed. Cache ...

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Rivet is a visualization system for the study of complex computer systems. Since computer systems analysis and visualization is an unpredictable and iterative process, a key design goal of Rivet is to support the rapid development of interactive visualizations capable of visualizing large data sets. In this paper, we present Rivet's architecture, focusing on its support for varied data sources, interactivity, composition and user-defined data transformations. We also describe the challenges of i ...

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40 Predicting data cache misses in non-numeric applications through correlation profiling

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To maximize the benefit and minimize the overhead of software-based latency tolerance techniques, we would like to apply them precisely to the set of dynamic references that suffer cache misses. Unfortunately, the information provided by the state-of-the-art cache miss profiling technique (summary profiling) is inadequate for references with intermediate miss ratios - it results in either failing to hide latency, or else inserting unnecessary overhead. To overcome this problem, we propose and ev ...

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